



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

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Thursday, March 12, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

*Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 14 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Phillip A. Ostrem, Paul Medinger, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

*The invocation was offered by Pastor Kael Clemmerson of New Beginnings Christian Fellowship.*

#### Mayor comments

*Mayor Kabat updated the Common Council and citizens concerning spring flooding and coronavirus.*

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Neumeister, that the Minutes of February 23, 2020 be APPROVED. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### Reports

##### [20-0339](#)

Report of Fire Department - Division of Fire Prevention and Building Safety on Inspections for the Month of February 2020.

2020-03-001

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Ostrem, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0417](#)

Report of the Director of Finance for the month of February 2020.

2020-03-002

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Christians, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

### Notices and Discussions

*Ostrem announced La Crosse School Board initiative to expand Hamilton School.*

### COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[20-0420](#)

Resolution approving 2019/2020 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in March 2020.

2020-03-003

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Medinger, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[20-0418](#)

Library Board: Jeff Bagniefski, Susan Anglehart, Katie Bittner.

2020-03-004

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Christians, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 14 - Kabat, Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

### SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE VIII FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (2/3 Vote Required)

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Neumeister, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII on Item 20-0319, 20-0425 and 20-0426. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**[20-0213](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$45,998.39 for Traffic Circle at 16th Street & Park Avenue project.

2020-03-005

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Medinger, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0292](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to McCabe Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$413,500.00 for the Main Branch Library Roof Replacement Re-Bid project.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Neumeister, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Richmond, that the Resolution be AMENDED to change the appropriation in the third paragraph from \$36,500 to \$56,500 and add another paragraph regarding additional funding in the amount of \$68,886. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-03-006

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Christians, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0293](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Steiger Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$209,042.45 for the Pettibone Beach Parking Lot Reconstruction project.

2020-03-007

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Padesky, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0294](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Water Works Docks & Boat Lifts, Inc. in the amount of \$73,250.00 for the Riverside Park Transient Boat Dock Installation project.

2020-03-008

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Neumeister, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0295](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to A-1 Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$781,932.00 for the 2020 Miscellaneous Sewer Repair project.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Richmond, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Neumeister, that the Resolution be AMENDED to reallocate the funding sources. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-03-009

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0410](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to J.F. Ahern Company in the amount of \$423,478.00 for the La Crosse Center Expansion & Renovation-Bid Package #3-Fire Protection project.

2020-03-010

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Weaver, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0411](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Zimmerman Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$890,815.00 for the La Crosse Center Expansion & Renovation-Bid Package #3-Plumbing project.

2020-03-011

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Ostrem, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0412](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to North American Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$3,267,700.00 for the La Crosse Center Expansion & Renovation-Bid Package #3-HVAC project.

2020-03-012

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Weaver, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0413](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Kish and Sons Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$2,172,769.00 for the La Crosse Center Expansion-Renovation-Bid Package #3-Electrical.

2020-03-013

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Neumeister, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0414](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Five Star Telecom, Inc. in the amount of \$258,546.62 for the La Crosse Center Expansion & Renovation-Bid Package #3-Communications.

2020-03-014

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Ostrem, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

## ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[20-0425](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 46-71 and to repeal and recreate Sections 46-80 and 46-146 through 46-152 and to create Sections 46-153 through 46-172 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding sanitary sewer service and sewer rates.

*Ord. 5131. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Abstain:** 1 - Olson

[20-0426](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding sanitary sewer rates under Chapter 46 of the La Crosse Municipal Code.

2020-03-015

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Medinger, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Abstain:** 1 - Olson

## ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[20-0253](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Local Business, Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial Districts to the Planned Development District - Specific at 1407/1501 and 1514 St. Andrew Street, 528 Loomis Street and Island Street property.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Gaul, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Gaul, that the Ordinance be REFERRED to the Common Council due back 6/11/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**No:** 1 - Ostrem

[20-0256](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - General to the Planned Development District - General at 1325 St. Andrew Street.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Medinger, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Padesky, for a PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Happel, Christians

**No:** 1 - Gaul

*The following person spoke: Dr. Virginia Wintersteen*

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumeister, to close the PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Weaver, that the Ordinance be REFERRED to the Common Council due back 4/9/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

**No:** 1 - Christians

[20-0258](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single Family District to the Residence District allowing duplex at 317 Losey Blvd. S.

*Ord. 5132. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Richmond, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Medinger, Happel, Christians

**No:** 2 - Olson, Gaul

## ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[20-0273](#)

Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - The south half of Usher Street lying west of Hokah Street, the vacated La Crescent Street and alley lying south of Usher Street, Block 8 of Plat of West La Crosse and part of Government Lot 5 and Lot 6, all in Section 30, Township 16 North, Range 7 West, the Town of Campbell, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

*2020-03-016*

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Medinger, that the Plat/Certified Survey Map be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0271](#)

Resolution approving Application of Northside Molzahn LLC for a Conditional Use Permit allowing demolition of structure for green space at 421-423 West Ave. N.

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Padesky, that the Application be REFERRED to the Common Council due back 4/9/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-0272](#)

Resolution approving Application of School House Properties LLC for a Conditional Use Permit allowing demolition of structure for green space at 417 West Ave. N.

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Olson, that the Application be REFERRED to the Common Council due back 4/9/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

## CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Padesky, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote**

### ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[20-0142](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 1-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse adding a definition for Division of Fire Prevention and Building Safety.

*Ord. 5133. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

[20-0252](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Special Multiple District to the Local Business District at 1033 Caledonia St.

*Ord. 5134. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

[20-0257](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood District - General to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific allowing mixed-use development at 1222 Denton St.

*Ord. 5135. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

[19-1860](#)

Resolution approving First Amendment to the DuraTech Development Agreement.

*(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2020-03-017

[20-0161](#)

Resolution approving 2020 Joint Powers Agreement - County 9-1-1 Emergency System between the City and County of La Crosse.

2020-03-018



- [20-0174](#) Resolution authorizing the Police Department to add one Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) to the Table of Organization for one Police Officer position assigned as a Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) and to authorize funding for the position and for the purchase of a patrol vehicle.  
*2020-03-019*
- [20-0181](#) Resolution approving a retitle of the position of Captain (Administrative Services and Community Relations assignment) in the Fire Department.  
*2020-03-020*
- [20-0190](#) Resolution allocating utility funding for the repair or replacement of utilities associated with the 2019 sanitary sewer collapse of the 28th Street sanitary main.  
*2020-03-021*
- [20-0204](#) Resolution endorsing La Crosse's annual application for the High Flyer Award from Bird City Wisconsin in 2020 and supporting the annual International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) celebration at Myrick Park.  
*2020-03-022*
- [20-0206](#) Resolution approving Application of The Charmant Hotel LLC for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at 101 State Street on August 14, 2020.  
*2020-03-023*
- [20-0207](#) Resolution approving Application of A&S Foster LLC dba Bottoms Up for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at 500 Copeland Avenue on May 30, 2020.  
*2020-03-024*
- [20-0229](#) Resolution authorizing City Planning & Development Department to accept a State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Services Grant for Lead-Safe Homes.  
*2020-03-025*
- [20-0249](#) Resolution establishing the 2021-2025 Capital Equipment Budget.  
*2020-03-026*

- [20-0250](#) Resolution approving Request for Exception to Standards for Commercial Design by Dairyland Power Cooperative allowing for exception to parking requirement for project at 3251 East Avenue South.  
*2020-03-027*
- [20-0270](#) Resolution approving Application of Ironside Properties LLC (Mitch Lown) for a Conditional Use Permit allowing warehouse buildings in a heavy industrial district at 2401 Hauser Street.  
*2020-03-028*
- [20-0274](#) Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Part of Government Lot 6 of Section 30, Township 16 North, Range 7 West, the Town of Campbell, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.  
*2020-03-029*
- [20-0275](#) Resolution approving Application of Pump House Regional Arts Center for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License for special event at 119 King Street on June 13, 2020.  
*2020-03-030*
- [20-0287](#) Resolution authorizing short-term cash advances from the City's General Fund Cash to the State Highway Land Acquisition Fund for large dollar right-of-way purchases for the South Avenue Project.  
*2020-03-031*
- [20-0313](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) 35-foot clean diesel buses.  
*2020-03-032*
- [20-0314](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 35-foot clean diesel bus.  
*2020-03-033*
- [20-0319](#) Resolution approving wage step 8 for the finalist for the position of Records Specialist.  
*2020-03-034*
- [20-0321](#) Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2019-20 (March).  
*2020-03-035*

[20-0322](#)

Resolution approving Request of La Crosse Baseball LLC for permission to apply for a Combination Class "B" Beer & Liquor license at 800 Copeland Park Drive.

2020-03-036

## **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Weaver, to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote.**